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TO: Secretary of State

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PRIORITY

I called on Foreign Minister Toriello this afternoon at his request to continue discussion of mutual problems begun May 24 (Embassy's telegram 776, May 24). Toriello said tension was so high it prevented his doing his normal work.

After discussion with President Arbenz he had decided best way to improve relations would be adoption plan he alleged President Eisenhower had proposed on occasion of Toriello's farewell visit last January; namely, appointment of neutral, non-governmental commission by Presidents Eisenhower and Arbenz to discuss "all problems affecting relations between the two countries".

I asked whether this commission would discuss Communism, which was our primary concern. He first inquired whether we would wish commission to discuss US domestic affairs, but immediately afterwards said he supposed commission could talk (repeat talk) about Communism. He offered embody his suggestions in note.

Toriello remarked in passing government had discovered another plot.

He did not know whether anyone had been arrested, but said some had taken asylum in diplomatic missions.

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NOTE: Mr. Leddy (ARA) informed 6:00 a.m., 6-2-54 FPM

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